

THE TEA TRADE.

The N. C. Daily News' Hankow correspondent, writing on the 12th inst., mentions the opening of the market on the 7th by Russian buyers and gives the following comparative figures for the same number of days from the opening:—

Season 1892-93. Season 1891-92.
 Arrivals.....12,742 12,742
 Settlements.....11,209 11,209
 Stock.....41,200 41,200

Quality of the tea hitherto shown is decidedly disappointing, generally being very dull and showing great want of character. Of the Ningbo teas, Ningbo is the only description yet to hand, and those on the whole seem very badly made, being in many cases very choppy and dusty and in liquor decidedly flat. Hankow teas have scarcely arrived in sufficient quantity to judge of their quality with the exception of Tovyueys and Onfies, the first of these having all been offered and with one or two exceptions been purchased for Russia. The remainder seem likely to be settled for the same market during the course of the next few days. These kinds though of very good leaf size, great want of point in liquor, being for the most part thin and dull. Of Kowloon some 30 chops have been on offer and seem very much out of favour, the majority being very rough in leaf and tarry in cup. Shantans, first packs of these seem inferior in quality to last year, though the very difficult to estimate as yet, though natives are trying to raise the market on the usual rumours of a very short crop.

In a postscript, dated the 18th, he adds:—This afternoon we have had some 2000 chops on the market, including the first arrivals of Keomun. These also are somewhat disappointing showing in many cases great want of strength. A few others, being made of from 15 to 25 to 35, but nothing has yet been settled.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

May 11.
 Some seventeen ruffians, who have been in prison for years for murder, stood their final trial at the court of the Provincial Judge last week, and are now awaiting the Emperor's sanction for their execution. There are amongst them two females, who murdered their husbands.

The new Min Magistrate, immediately after taking over the seal of office, summoned all the managers of the native banks and money changers to his presence, and informed them that he intends to vigorously carry through the standing law established by his predecessor, to the use of spurious cash, and that during his term of office he will do all in his power to extinguish the malpractices in the.

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NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

HER MAJESTY'S RETURN.

London, May 4.—The Queen has returned to Windsor.

THE PACIFICATION OF THE SHIRE AND NYASSA DISTRICTS.

Mr. Johnston has telegraphed to Government reporting that the natives in the Shire and Nyassa districts are now completely at peace, and that Mr. King and a Parson doctor, wounded in the former fight, have recovered.

THE SENTENCE ON DEERING.

Melbourne, May 3.—Deering was quite calm on being sentenced to death, and declared in a rambling statement that he suffered from lack of memory and was oblivious of the murder with which he was charged. He further said that in the event of his acquittal he would have committed suicide.

ORMA.

London, 4th May.—Mr. Lester, the horse dealer who has examined "Orma," is convinced that the horse has not been poisoned, but that the trouble is due to a decayed tooth, which is likely to recur before long.

LONDON, MAY 5.—"Orma" is better.

The Duke of Westminster repudiates the decayed tooth theory, but says that the method of poisoning is yet a mystery.

LATER—"Orma" now suffering from indigestion.

The cotton strike in Lancashire settled.

LONDON, MAY 6.—The cotton strike in Lancashire has been settled by mutual concessions on the part of masters and men, and a general resumption of work takes place on Monday.

THE YAKINE IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Committee of Ministers and others, which has been sitting here, has reported in favour of permitting the export of meat and oats from the Baltic ports.

THE MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE SILVER QUESTION.

London, May 5.—At a meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a resolution was passed that, the bad state of trade being due to the violent fluctuations in silver, Government should be urged to promote an international Bimetallist League.

Intimations.

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a bituminous coal of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes, it has been pronounced to be the best and the most economical of all the Japanese coals. Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testimony of the excellent qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages to Shippers and Captains, who Coal their Bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—

Freshness of the Coal.
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Hongkong, April 6, 1892.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Express of Japan Saturday May 28.
 Express of China Saturday June 18.
 Express of India Saturday July 9.

THE R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Captain G. A. Lee, R.N.R., Commander, sailing at Noon, on SATURDAY, the 28th May, 1892, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA.

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